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Subject: Microsoft settlement offer, Negative

I do NOT agree with the proposed Antitrust settlement offer by Microsoft to place hardware, software, services, and training in schools. This amounts to government sanction for a private business, by placing their software, with great limitations in support and mandatory future update costs (payable to Microsoft) on the backs of our schools systems.

Their offer should be limited to hardware only. The offer by REDHAT to provide FREE software, upgrades, and license renewals should be strongly considered. Our schools could better benefit by the receipt of more than a million computers, and the issues that were fundamental to the original lawsuit will be avoided without further conflict.

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